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ATHLETICS' PITCHING STAFF LOOKS NONE TOO FORMIDABLE

Mack Finds That Krause Can Pitch No More This Season—Nationals' Rally a Surprise to Philadelphia Fans.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—Connie Mack cast considerable gloom in the ranks of the Athletics by announcing that Harry Krause probably had pitched his last game for the Athletics this season. Krause has had a lot of trouble with his arm this season and finally Mack made him have the member examined by two specialists. They reported that Krause was likely to sustain permanent injury by attempting to pitch a game, and Mack told Krause to go home and rest the arm. This leaves the White Elephants with only one left-hand pitcher, and since Plank has lost his last three games the players have not any too much confidence in his ability to pitch a winning game. Russell of Baltimore is not available until the Eastern League season ends, therefore there is a feeling of uneasiness here over the manner in which the Red Sox are climbing the ladder. Mack has several scouts out looking for material and he says he will not hesitate to pay a stiff price if a find can be landed.

The Athletics and their supporters have a lot of respect for the Washington team since the Nationals surprised them with a 5-1 defeat yesterday. It was thought that McAleer's men would prove easy pickings, and it looked to be the case until the eighth inning, and then the rally made by Washington caught Mack's men off their guard long enough to lose the game. "Kid" Elberfeld, who has always been a thorn in the sides of the Athletics, was the man who completed the damage, and his three-bagger cost the White Elephants the game. Connie Mack then made a change of pitchers, but the damage was done and the Athletics were drawn nearer the field by virtue of their defeat. What made the trouncing more humiliating was the fact that Washington had to place a patched-up team in the field. Uhlback was called home on account of the illness of his wife, and McAleer was compelled to shift around on account of the illness of his wife, and Elberfeld to third and Conroy to left. Despite

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ANDERSON VICTOR IN EASTERN GOLF

Cricket Club Player Defeats Thomson of Country Club, Winning Second Set.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Willie Anderson of Philadelphia won the second set yesterday afternoon in the Eastern open golf championship over the Salisbury links, Garden City, by 5 up and 4 to go.

By the draw, unfortunately, the cricket club professional was brought against James Thomson, Philadelphia Country Club. Anderson hit up a terrific city, despite the broiling heat, and by playing out the holes got a 74, only a stroke more than par. Anderson took the lead at the outset, and lost only one hole going out, while he halved three. At the turn he was 1 up. Then he dropped back a hole, but closed the match at his best snoring.

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Thomson-Out.....4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 24
Anderson-In.....4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 28
Thomson-In.....4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 24

The championship went to James Malden, Glen Cove, who beat William Anderson, Jr. Rock away, 5 up and 4 to go.

In the semi-finals Anderson beat George Low, Baltimore, ex-metropolitan champion, 1 up, in the odd match, in which he holes were halved, each came back in a cracking 35 to tie 26. In the same round Thomson beat James Norton, Tring, N. J., 1 up, 19 holes. They had the excellent medal score of 75.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

American League.										
Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.						
Philadelphia.	58	29	.667	670	659					
Boston.	54	35	.614	611	609					
New York.	51	36	.586	591	580					
Detroit.	48	41	.539	544	533					
Cleveland.	37	45	.451	458	446					
Washington.	37	51	.420	427	416					
Chicago.	35	51	.407	414	402					
St. Louis.	25	57	.305	313	301					

National League.										
Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.						
Chicago.	54	30	.643	647	635					
New York.	48	35	.578	578	571					
Pittsburgh.	48	35	.578	578	566					
Cincinnati.	44	42	.512	517	506					
Philadelphia.	40	47	.462	472	471					
St. Louis.	39	47	.450	460	448					
Brooklyn.	34	51	.400	407	395					
Boston.	33	55	.375	382	371					

SCHEDULES.										
American League.										
TODAY.	Philadelphia at New York.	Washington at Boston.	St. Louis at Chicago.							
TOMORROW.	Philadelphia at New York.	Washington at Boston.	St. Louis at Chicago.							

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.										
Virginia State League.										
At Danville—Danville, 4; Norfolk, 2.										
At Roanoke—Roanoke, 4; Richmond, 2.										
At Petersburg—Petersburg, 4; Richmond, 2.										

PENNANT RACE PROMISES TO BE CLOSE BEFORE LONG

Athletics' Slump May Grow Worse When Team Goes West—Detroit Still Has Chance, But It Will Require Long Winning Streak.

BY J. ED GRILLO.
Though still leading the race by a comfortable margin, the Athletics are not showing the class that one expects from a team which is on its way to win a pennant. Not only is Mack's team not hitting as it should, but its pitching staff is not showing the form they did earlier in the season, and what is more the players' confidence seems to have been shaken. Unless there is a decided brace there is danger of the Athletics losing the lead on their coming western trip, in which event it is not likely that they will recuperate, for it will then be much too near the end of the season to make up much lost ground or to recover shaken confidence.

Boston, of course, seems to have the best chance to overcome the lead which Mack's team still holds, but should they the season than did the Athletics, and which is not at all unlikely, it would not be at all surprising to see them win out yet. True the Detroit team is 120 points behind the leaders, but when that team is intact and gets to going it is hard to stop and it will get a lot of encouragement out of the poor showing the Athletics are making just now.

At any rate there is every indication that the American League race will be much closer two weeks from now than it is at the present time. It is not likely that the Athletics will have a brilliant trip, for the team has not been going well on its own grounds. Boston proved a better road team in the west earlier in the season than did the Athletics, and as a part of being at home for the next three weeks, during which the Tigers are apt to make up much lost ground.

In rebuilding his team there is no way that McAleer can figure Kid Elberfeld out of the line-up. Elberfeld has been in his career, and he is too good a ball player to think of letting him out of it, of course, unfortunately that Elberfeld plays in comparative games during a season, constantly meeting with injuries which incapacitate him, but for that reason he is a valuable man to have around. There is no doubt that McAleer figures on playing Elberfeld several days a week regardless of what other changes are contemplated, but he will be sure to carry some one to substitute for the kid during the time which he will be disabled and it would not be a poor guess to say that that individual will be Kid Conroy.

No doubt the four games that the Nationals were figured as victories by the Philadelphia fans, and on one occasion, that the Washington team is not one that can be figured as easy at a stage.

It has not been in any game this year that it has not given the other team a battle, and any team that figures on taking a series from it is very apt to be disappointed. Now that the first game resulted in a victory for the Nationals, it is not at all unlikely that they will get a good break during their stay in Philadelphia, and with a good break they might take three out of four.

That Manager McAleer intended to give Jack Leivelt a trial at first base was stated in these columns several days ago, and it would not be at all surprising if Jack developed into a first-class man in that position at Detroit.

It has not been a howling success. In fact, he has not developed enough in the year he has played the field to warrant the prediction that he would learn. He is naturally a poor fielder, and, incidentally, is handicapped by reason of being a left-handed thrower, so that he would perhaps do much better if played in right field.

However, such shifts will not be made for the present, as Gessler is not much of a fielder, either, in any field but right. But when Miller recovers the whole lot of a general shift of the outfield just for the sake of experimenting.

The injury to Beckendorf's finger again puts McAleer in a bad way for catchers. Henry is now the only available man, and it is expected that he will be a mere kid just out of college to jump in and handle the delivery of major league pitchers, and yet prevent the opposing base runners from chasing around the bases. But Henry has shown on the few occasions that he has been behind the bat here that he has the ability and nerve to tackle the proposition and that should be his battle.

Charley Street will not be able to report for several days yet and it will be at least a week before he will be able to catch again. In the meantime Henry will be kept busy, for it is doubtful if Beckendorf will be able to work for several days.

The chances are that before the present season is over "Red" Kipper will be generally recognized as one of the best second basemen by the American League. The rapid strides that this youngster has made in the last six weeks is most remarkable, and what is more he has not stopped improving as yet.

But there is no ball player more deserving of success than this same Kipper. A man-eat-man worker never stepped into a spiked shoe. From the time that he reported at Norfolk last spring he has been working like a beaver. He is simply tireless, and local patrons of the game are pleased to note the improve-

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